



## PROCLAMATION

### NATIONAL PUBLIC SAFETY TELECOMMUNICATIONS WEEK

**WHEREAS**, the Public Safety Telecommunicators of the Arlington County Emergency Communications Center, who process on average over 450,000 telephone calls per year, are the first and most critical point of contact for residents seeking Arlington's emergency services; and

**WHEREAS**, these telecommunicators are the vital link to those calling for help and police officers, firefighters, paramedics, and Sheriff's deputies; and

**WHEREAS**, telecommunicators monitor emergency personnel activity via radio and telephone and provide them with lifesaving information to ensure their safety; and

**WHEREAS**, the safety of our police officers, firefighters, paramedics, and Sheriff's deputies is dependent upon the quality and accuracy of information obtained by all Emergency Communications Technicians from the residents who telephone the Arlington County Emergency Communications Center; and

**WHEREAS**, the Public Safety Telecommunicators of the Arlington County Emergency Communications Center have contributed significantly to the apprehension of criminals, suppression of fires, and the treatment of patients during life-threatening situations; and

**WHEREAS**, each telecommunicator – the unseen professional whose calm voice guides those in crisis – exhibits compassion, empathy and professionalism, keeping our county and residents safe;

**NOW THEREFORE**, the County Board of Arlington, Virginia, does hereby proclaim proclaim April 13-19, 2025 as NATIONAL PUBLIC SAFETY TELECOMMUNICATIONS WEEK in Arlington County and urge all urge all residents to honor the employees of the Emergency Communications Center and recognize them for their diligence and professionalism in helping keep our county, its residents, employees and visitors safe.

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Takis Karantonis  
Chair

